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Mike and Claire - See Luis's email below. Not only am I "uncomfortable" with Luis's direction, I am 100% opposed. I think Luis has a completely different understanding of the community dynamic going on at SSFL and we on the program side are going to experience some severely negative consequences if we proceed as he suggests.

I recommend:

1. We (the 5 of us copied on this email) need to meet on this. Should take less than 30 minutes. I will do some draft bullets on the position that Nicole and I have formulated.
2. Then elevate it with Luis, Dana, and Elizabeth(?). If no consensus, then elevate to Keith?
3. With respect to the Thursday's 2:30pm call with the Congressional Staffers, if we do not have consensus within the Region at that time, then we will just update them on our thinking process and our (self-imposed) deadline to make a decision (i.e. the July 29 Community Work Group).

If we are agreed, I will set up the first meeting for Thursday at 9am or 9:30am.

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Craig,

It is being elevated within HQ.

I know that this will make you uncomfortable, but more and more, I am inclined to proceed with the community requests that I have received.

Most simply, because to withhold a service from one group because the other group doesn't want the first to receive that service - well that feels like discrimination to me.

I think that to proceed with our requests for assistance is the right thing to do.

Unless I hear otherwise...

-Luis

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Luis, David -

1. West Hills Neighborhood Council put TASC as a discussion item for their July meeting. Both David C and I told Chris Rowe that EPA would not be attending.
2. Staffers for Feinstein and Waxman want an update regarding our decision-making process on TASC. A call with them is set for July 23 at 2:30pm
3. Dan H called me today and asked for an update on TASC (probably because he saw the West Hills agenda item on this topic). I reiterated that TASC will not go to a single group and brought up the importance of "consensus on topics" from a cross-section of community members. He said that Chris Rowe is impossible to work with and represents Boeing's interest's not community interests. Therefore, in his opinion, you will not find a cross-section of community members willing to work with Chris Rowe.

4. I am going to write up some bullet points that combine ideas Luis's last email but with the importance of putting this back on the community (and not EPA) to sort out.

Luis, have you discussed this issue with the TASC Program Manager in DC?

I will get you, David and Nicole, my draft bullets later today. The final version of these bullets can be used for our call with the congressional staffers and emails to all interested "applicants" on this topic, and our announcement on this topic at the July 29th Inter-Agency work group.

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